THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c). 98 items have been shifted from the Restricted List (Appendix 2 Part B) to the Limited Permissible List (Appendix 3) as a result of a review of the items included in the Restricted List, Keeping in view the objective of the new Trade Policy of linking imports with exports. Details in the regard are contained in the Ministry of Commerce Public Notices No. 196-ITC (PN) /90-93, dated 14.8.1991, 200-ITC(PN) /90-93 dated 30.8.1991 and 240-ITC(PN)/90-93, dated 31.10.1991, copies of which are avilable in the Parliament Library.

The shift is expected to result in continuous pressure on the indigenous producers for upgradation of quality of their produce and discipline in price.

Alleged Illegal Activities of Foreign Shipping Companies

2614. DR.C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to some alleged irregular activities of foreign shipping companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these activities are affecting the functioning of the Indian Shipping Companies; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Reserve Bank of India have received some complaints against foreign shipping companies in regard to termination of agreements with local agents, engagement of agents at low levels of commission and operation of foreign exchange accounts.

(c) No report has been received by the Government in this regard.

(d) Does not arise.

Drive Against Defective Trucks

2615. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have launched a drive against defective trucks and also issued directives to Delhi Administration to check their fitness; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). The Enforcement Branch of the Transport Department, Delhi Administration conducts routine checks of all types of vehicles in order to enforce the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. Such checks also cover the fitness of commercial vehicles. From 1-4-1990 tlli 31-10-1991, 1244 commercial vehicles were prosecuted under the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. Besides, certificates of fitness of 4558 commercial vehicles were also suspended during the above period.

[*Translation*]

Candidates Killed in Punjab during Election

2616. PROF. PREM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state: